



## UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

(New Non-provisional Applications Under 37 CFR § 1.53(b))

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## TO THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

Transmitted herewith is the patent application of ( ) application identifier or (X) first named inventor, Richard Meyer, entitled Method and System for Dynamic Expansion and Contraction of Nodes in a Storage Area Network, for a(n):

( ) Original Patent Application.

(X) Continuing Application (prior application not abandoned):

( ) Continuation ( ) Divisional ( ) Continuation-in-part (CIP) (X) Provisional  
of prior application No: 60/422,109 Filed on: October 28, 2002  
( ) A statement claiming priority under 35 USC § 120 has been added to the specification.

Enclosed are:

(X) Specification; <u>26</u> Total Pages.	(X) Drawing(s); <u>8</u> Total Sheets.
(X) Oath or Declaration:	
(X) A Newly Executed Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney:	
( ) Signed.	(X) Unsigned.
( ) Partially Signed.	
( ) A Copy from a Prior Application for Continuation/Divisional (37 CFR § 1.63(d)).	
( ) Incorporation by Reference. The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated herein by reference.	
( ) Signed Statement Deleting Inventor(s) Named in the Prior Application. (37 CFR § 163(d)(2)).	
( ) Power of Attorney.	(X) Return Receipt Postcard.
( ) Associate Power of Attorney.	(X) A Check in the amount of \$ <u>509.00</u> for the Filing Fee.
( ) Preliminary Amendment.	( ) Information Disclosure Statement and Form PTO-1449.
( ) A Duplicate Copy of this Form for Processing Fee Against Deposit Account.	
( ) A Certified Copy of Priority Documents (if foreign priority is claimed).	
( ) Applicant claims small entity status.	
( ) Other: _____	

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Total Claims	29	9	\$9.00	\$ 81.00
Independent Claims	4	1	\$43.00	\$ 43.00
Multiple Dependent Claims (if applicable)				
Assignment Recording Fee				
Basic Filing Fee				
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